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## Reporter inquiry -- U visa policy

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Hi, Laura.

The information requested is below:

**6.2.22 Processing Of U-Visas (Requests for Immigration Consideration for US VISA due to Criminal Victimization):** As a general rule, non-command DLE personnel do not involve themselves in U-Visa requests, as this function is one for the BSO Command or State Attorney's Office. DLE personnel receiving requests from any source for signing or acknowledging U-Visa applications will forward those requests to Chief of Detectives for review and appropriate action.

A. U-Visa consideration is done on a case-by-case basis. The criteria used by this agency for consideration of U-Visas are several, including but not limited to, assistance to law enforcement by the applicant beyond the initial reporting of a crime and statements made during the reporting, whether the case is open or closed, the likelihood of identifying a suspect, the likelihood of prosecuting that suspect or codefendants and the age of the case.

B. U-Visa consideration will be made with equity following these guidelines and/or at the discretion of the Sheriff or his Command Staff designee.

C. In a circumstance where personnel feel there is a compelling need for their intervention on behalf of the requesting party, supervisory approval at the Captain or Manager level will be obtained before sending the request to the Chief of Detectives for consideration. Only the Department of Investigations can approve such requests. Deputies interviewing for the subject must provide written documentation to the Chief of Detectives for consideration.

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Good afternoon,

What is the Broward County SO's policy pertaining to U visa (form I-918) certifications?

My deadline is Thursday. Thank you!

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